



Notwithstanding the foregoing election, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the election requirement. In particular, Applicants believe that a search and examination of Species II and III would not place a serious burden on the Examiner in view of the examination of Species I. For this reason, Applicants respectfully request that Species II and III be examined with Species I.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully Submitted,

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